

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

## The “Talepipe” Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster Restaurant, 2625 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) around 5:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting at 6:30.

### A Note from the Editor.....

You might notice a different look to the April Newsletter. The reason is that Gary Swanson (with maybe some help from Cindy) agreed to become “Editor of the Month” in my incapacity to do so. I am so grateful for his stepping up to the plate and getting the news out to our members. From here on, it’s Gary’s words.

**Jean**

### We Say Goodbye.....

On Monday, March 13, our club lost a true friend. At the time of his death, Ed and Jean Doyle were the senior members of our club, having had a membership longer than anyone else. Ed was always willing to lend a hand to others and was a fountain of Corvette knowledge. If you had a Corvette question, Ed more than likely knew the answer. Like most of us, Ed was fastidious about the appearance of his car, and wouldn’t think of taking it out if it was dirty. He was chagrined after having to drive his latest new Corvette two and a half hours home from Stingray Chevrolet in the rain and spent many hours getting it back to its showroom beauty. He was the only guy I knew who wouldn’t touch the paint on his car’s door when closing it, instead using the latch on the

inside door edge with his finger. (don’t know if he had Jean trained in this technique or not!) We will miss Ed and his great sense of humor a lot, may he rest in peace. Our thoughts remain with Jean and the Doyle family.

### Upcoming Club Events.....

**April 1** (SATURDAY) – DOTR breakfast at Osteen Diner. We will leave from Kohl’s parking lot on Taylor Road in Port Orange at 8am to arrive at the diner at 8:30. Bring your appetite to enjoy a hearty meal!

**April 4** (Tuesday)– First evening of this year’s mini golf tournament. Meet at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach at 6pm. (**Note time change from last year**)

As an explanation to new members, and a refresher for the rest of us, here is the scoop! There are six golf dates in April, and a make-up game for any weather cancellation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at whichever location was cancelled. You may play in however many games as your schedule allows, but you need to play in a minimum of four of the six to be eligible for the Golden Putter Award at the end. If you play in

five or six games, your four lowest scores will be counted toward your total to determine a winner. You can be as competitive as you want, but the ultimate goal is to have fun and camaraderie. The first date is April 4<sup>th</sup>, and the entire schedule can be seen in the upcoming club events list, or on the club calendar. Please note that the starting times this year are all at **6pm, NOT 7!** Hope to see you on the greens!!

**April 11** (Tuesday) – Mini Golf at Congo River in Daytona Beach Shores at 6pm.

**April 14** (Friday) – Mini Golf at Pirate’s Island in Port Orange at 6pm.

**April 18** (Tuesday) – Club Meeting at Red Lobster

**April 21** (Friday) – Mini Golf at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach at 6pm.

**April 22** (Saturday): 11am - 2pm – Club picnic/barbecue at Reed Canal Park, Pavilion #1 in South Daytona. The park is located on Nova Road between Dunlawton Ave and Reed Canal Road. Use the parking lot beside the lake off Nova Road. Your membership is your admission price, and you don’t need to bring a thing unless you want to bring a comfortable chair. Please note there are no alcoholic beverages allowed in the park.

**April 25** (Tuesday) – Mini Golf at Congo River in Daytona Beach Shores at 6pm

**April 28** (Friday) – Mini Golf at Pirates Island in Port Orange at 6 pm.

### **Upcoming non-club Events.....**

April 1 (Saturday) – Daytona Flea Market car show 9-1. This is a recurring show held the first Saturday of every month.

April 1 (Saturday) – One Daytona car show at the International Motorsports Center across from the speedway, 4-7. This is also a recurring show held the first Saturday of every month.

April 8 (Saturday) – City Center Cruise Night in Port Orange, 4-7pm. This is the former Canal Street Cruise Night and is located at 1000 City Center Circle in Port Orange. There is plenty of parking and food trucks are available. Also recurring every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

April 15 (Saturday) – Wawa gas station cruise in, Rt 44 New Smyrna, 8:30 – 10:30am. This event is recurring every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

April 30 (Sunday) – Lost Lagoon restaurant cruise in and breakfast, Rt 1, New Smyrna, 10am – 1pm. This event takes place on the last Sunday of every month.

### **Meeting Notes.....**

Our club’s monthly meeting was held on March 21 at Red Lobster with 31 people attending. Six of these were prospective new members. They are Daniel & Johnette Bernosky (red 2007 Z06), Diane & Wayne MacLeod (blue 2006 Stingray), and Ron & Shirley Coloccia (silver 2013 stingray coupe). In addition to our regular club business, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of our dear friend Ed Doyle. President John Doria related that it was Ed who got him interested in Corvettes and advised him to buy a convertible with stick shift! The healthy 50/50 drawing (\$53.00) was won by John Pona.

### **Reviews.....**

**March 5** – John and Sally Doria led a group of 8 Corvettes and 1 Fiat (17 club members) on a very pleasant and sunny drive up Rt A1A to St

Augustine. Traffic was busy as usual, but well worth it for a nice lunch on the deck at Aunt Kate's restaurant.

**March 10-** Gary and Cindy Swanson led a group of 6 Corvettes, 1 Fiat, and 1 Subaru on a morning Rt 40 jaunt to Ocala. Our destination was the National Parts Depot, where we were greeted by owner Rick Schmidt. He explained a bit about the origin of the business and then led us on a tour of their incredible 220 car and truck collection. Most of these are original low mileage cars from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. There were too many outstanding vehicles to list, but three that are worth mentioning are the 1956 Lincoln Continentals that belonged to the three grandsons of Henry Ford. They are Henry Ford II, William Clay Ford, and Benson Ford. The cars were in immaculate condition of course, and Rick said the fully restored Henry Ford II car was the most valuable in the collection.

After thanking our host, we were off to downtown Ocala. We were seated in our own private room at Ivy On The Square, where we enjoyed a delicious meal before parting ways for the day. Enjoying the outing were Rose and John, Pat and Aliah, Randy and Peggy, Keith and Cindy, Bob and Debbie, Gary and Cindy, Khalid, and Julius.

**March 13** – A very good turnout of club members gathered at 4 Rivers Smokehouse for a delicious barbecue supper. It was a nice alternative to pizza, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We were joined by our annual winter visitors from Iowa, Jim and Laura McLaughlin and Sue and Tracy Rudd. They are Corvette enthusiasts too, and just don't like to be away from other Corvette fans for very long!

## Corvette Capers.....

(The following was submitted to me in February by Gary Swanson to include in March's

Newsletter. Needless to say, it did not get included. Below are Gary's words, findings and opinions.)

“While attending the Mecum auction in Kissimmee a couple of weeks ago, some friends and I were looking at a pair of beautiful Corvettes, a 56 and a 57, side by side. We were trying to figure out how to tell one from the other, and it turns out there are almost no visual differences. After consulting a couple Corvette books, here is what I found.”

“The 57 has a chrome T-handle for the hood release, replacing the chrome knob on the 56. The



two cars have slightly different dash mounted rear view mirrors. The 56 has a screw adjustment to raise or lower the mirror, the 57 doesn't. The 56 has an escutcheon plate surrounding the ignition lock that was supposedly

eliminated for 57. Lastly, the 57 added crossed flags to the cove area to identify those cars that had an engine other than the base offering. The 56 had no flags in the cove, no matter which of the two engines were under the hood.”

“The big changes for 1957 were mechanical. The engine displacement in 56 was 265 cubic inches, available in base 210 hp form, or the two four-barrel equipped 225 hp version. In 57 the displacement went to 283 cubic inches with 220 hp in base form. There were also 245 and 270 hp versions with two four barrels, a 250 hp with fuel injection, and finally the famous top of the line 283 hp fuel injected solid lifter version. Chevy highly touted this as the first engine in automotive

history to have one horsepower per cubic inch. (Funny how that math worked out isn't it?)”  
“Another important change was the mid-year availability of the four-speed transmission, which quickly became the top choice of buyers. Prior to this, transmission choices were limited to a three-speed manual or the two-speed powerglide.”

“Either year is a winner, I think these were the cleanest looking Corvettes ever built.”

Gary Swanson



## Post Script.....

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, notes, text messages, Face Book comments, phone calls, food, flowers, hugs (both virtual and real), thoughts, prayers and the many offers of help during this difficult time. It's hard to say goodbye after 55 years of being together, but I fully intend to bounce back. I expect Ed would want nothing less.

Again, thank you all for your kindness.

Jean